



**RESOLUTION 22-310**

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**Resolution of the Mayor and Council of Princeton Support for Vision Zero**

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**WHEREAS**, traffic crashes are among the leading causes of deaths and injuries in the world and the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, traffic crashes in New Jersey have resulted in 3,634 fatalities between 2016 and 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, 34% of these fatalities were pedestrians and bicyclists, almost twice the national average; and

**WHEREAS**, death and injury on our streets is unacceptable and serious crashes are preventable; and

**WHEREAS**, traffic deaths and serious injuries in the United States have disproportionately impacted people of color, low-income households, older adults and youth, people with disabilities, people with limited English proficiency, and households with limited vehicle access; and

**WHEREAS**, streets and transportation systems have traditionally been designed primarily for maximum vehicular capacity and mobility rather than for the safe accommodation of all modes and users; and

**WHEREAS**, Vision Zero provides a framework for reducing traffic deaths and serious injuries to zero, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all; and

**WHEREAS**, Vision Zero focuses on safety as a primary objective for our transportation systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Transportation, the County of Mercer, the County of Middlesex, and the County of Somerset, and the Mercer County Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force have all shown a commitment to create safe and accessible streets for people of all ages and abilities by adopting Complete Streets and/or Vision Zero policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Lawrence and the Borough of Pennington have shown a commitment to reducing to zero the loss of life due to traffic crashes by adopting Vision Zero policies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Princeton joins a regional effort led by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission to adopt a Safe Systems Approach and employ Vision Zero-focused planning and engineering strategies to help reach the Regional Vision Zero 2050 goal; and

**WHEREAS**, Princeton established, by Resolution #21-71 in early 2021, a Vision Zero

Task Force to craft recommendations for specific actions to be taken by Princeton to achieve the goals of Vision Zero; and

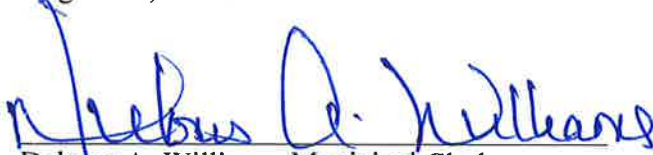
**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Transportation has endorsed Vision Zero as a framework for creation of comprehensive community traffic safety plans to be funded under the Safe Streets for All infrastructure investment program;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Princeton Council adopts a Vision Zero Policy that no loss of life due to traffic crashes is acceptable; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Princeton shall continue to develop Vision Zero strategies and a Vision Zero Action Plan to integrate planning and engineering, education, and enforcement actions for reduction of fatalities and serious injuries to zero by 2050. Prioritizing the Federal Highway Administration's proven safety countermeasures and multimodal street design.

Councilperson	Absent	Present	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Disqualified
Ms. Pirone Lambros		X			X			
Ms. Niedergang	X							
Mr. Cohen		X	X		X			
Ms. Fraga		X			X			
Ms. Sacks		X			X			
Mr. Newlin		X		X	X			
Mayor Freda	X							

I, Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk of Princeton, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of Princeton at a meeting held August 22, 2022.



Delores A. Williams, Municipal Clerk